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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 1387

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO THE BALKAN CONFERENCE

REF: ATHENS 1184

1. EMBOFF MET FEB 12 WITH THE DCM OF YUGOSLAV EMBASSY, NASTE CALOVSKI, WHO PROVIDED SOME ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS INTO THE BALKAN CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY THE DEGREE OF BULGARIAN OBSTRUCTIONISM.

2. THE BULGARIANS, HE SAID, CAME TO THE CONFERENCE WITH AN EXTREMELY NEGATIVE ATTITUDE AND WITH AN APPARENT DESIRE TO CIRCUMSCRIBE ITS RESULTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. TO ILLUSTRATE HIS POINT, CALOVSKI POINTED OUT THAT AT THE INSISTENCE OF THE BULGARIANS THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE (REFTEL) DID NOT EVEN MENTION THE WORD "BALKAN". HE SAID THAT THE BULGARIANS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS.

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THE GOB DELEGATES WERE INFLEXIBLE IN ARGUING THAT

THE ATHENS MEETING WAS NOT A BALKAN CONFERENCE SINCE, THEY ALLEDGED, "THE UKRAINE" (SIC) IS BALKAN AND WOULD HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE CONFERENCE BUT WAS NOT REPRESENTED.

3. CALOVSKI OBSERVED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE CLEARLY BEHIND THE BULGARIANS INTRANSIGENCE. HE OFFERED THE NOT VERY REMARKABLE ANALYSIS THAT THE SOVIETS WERE LOATHE TO SEE ANY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION DEVELOP AMONG THE BALKAN COUNTRIES WHICH COULD CONCEIVABLY PROVIDE BULGARIA WITH SOME ALTERNATIVE, HOWEVER SMALL, TO ITS DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIET UNION. HE INDICATED A BELIEF THAT THE SOVIET UNION'S APPARENT DESIRE TO SEE BALKAN COOPERATION STALLED WAS AIMED IN PART AT RESTRAINING ROMANIAN OPTIONS AS WELL.

4. CALOVSKI SAID THE YUGOSLAVS CAME TO THE CONFERENCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO LISTEN AND TO COOPERATE IN ANY WAY WHICH WOULD NOT BE OUT OF LINE WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF YUGOSLAVIA'S FOREIGN POLICY. THE ROMANIANS, HE SAID, WERE BETTER PREPARED THAN ANYBODY FOR THE CONFERENCE AND CAME "BRIMMING FULL" OF IDEAS. HE SPECULATED THAT IF ANYBODY WERE ABLE TO FOLLOW UP ON THE CONFERENCE IT MIGHT WELL BE THE ROMANIANS.

3. CALOVSKI SAID THAT PRESS SPECULATION THAT GREECE, YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA HAVE AGREED TO MEETINGS TO DISCUSS INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION DID NOT COINCIDE WITH ANY INFORMATION AT HIS DISPOSAL AND WERE FALSE (SEE ATHENS 1184).  
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